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I - PURCHASE OF DECORATIONS AND INSIGNIA

United States Army decorations, medals, and insignias will not be purchased or otherwise secured by United States personnel except at Army Exchanges.

II - FIELD RATIONS - HEAD COUNT AND ESTIMATE PROCEDURE

Attention of all unit commanders is directed to War Department Circular Number 171, the provisions of which will be placed into effect in this theater immediately upon receipt.

III - UNITED STATES MILITARY CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS - CABLES AND RADIOGRAMS

Section III, NATOUSA Circular Number 71, 1944, is rescinded. Paragraph 2 d (4) (b), NATOUSA Circular Number 51, 1944, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Designation or location of a unit, branch, arm or service, or any installation of the United States Armed Forces and related agencies or those of its Allies. This applies to units outside, as well as within this theater. Addresses of military personnel within the United States should include only the name, serial number and name of the military establishment, such as post, camp or station and its location in place of the APO address. Rank and all reference to military organization must be omitted. No provisions have been made for the transmission of personnel cables between overseas United States military locations either to clear or coded APO addresses.

IV - ROTATION OR RETURN OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AS INDIVIDUALS ON DUTY OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

The following supplements the provisions of NATOUSA Circular Number 66, 1944, on the same subject:

1. Return on Temporary Duty

a. Commanders mentioned in paragraph 4, NATOUSA Circular Number 66, 1944, are authorized to return to the United States on temporary duty, a limited number of officers and enlisted personnel who occupy key positions.

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The War Department defines key positions as those requiring skilled personnel whom it would be difficult to replace. Based on the above, plus requirements for normal rotation, unit commanders will decide which individuals of their commands are eligible.

b. Individuals who qualify are to be returned on temporary duty and will be shown on monthly report required by paragraph 6 of above cited circular following all normal rotation personnel and clearly indicating a temporary duty status.

c. No replacement will be requisitioned and units must carry this personnel without replacement during the entire period of absence from the theater. Present expectancy of cycle for return of individuals is two to three months. Individuals selected for return to United States on temporary duty will be charged against the 1/2 of one per cent rotation quota authorized the commands concerned.

d. Orders issued will attach this personnel to authorized Personnel Centers for trans-shipment to the United States on temporary duty and will contain statement that individuals concerned accept such privilege with the definite understanding that they will be returned to this theater upon expiration of temporary duty. Upon arrival at Personnel Center, individuals will designate the Reception Station in the United States to which they desire to be attached for temporary duty. Upon arrival, the Reception Station will recognize and take appropriate action on orders issued by the Personnel Center to provide 30-day leave or furlough plus travel time.

e. Upon departure of an individual on temporary duty from a unit, an entry will be made in the morning report stating that the individual is on temporary duty to the United States for rotational purposes and has been ordered to report to designated Personnel Center for trans-shipment. Upon return to unit, individual will be picked up in morning report with appropriate remark.

2. Assignment and Attachment of Personnel

So much of paragraph 4 of NATOUSA Circular Number 56, which refers to "personnel assigned or attached to their commands as of that day" is interpreted as follows:

a. Applies only to units and not to individuals.

b. In the case of an organization assigned to one command indicated in above mentioned paragraph 4, with a sub-unit attached to one of the other commands indicated, the parent unit will drop for rotational purposes the unit which has been attached.

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